

15. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the styrene-butadiene comprises different styrene-butadiene types and the natural rubber latex comprises different natural rubber types.

16. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition is chemically crosslinkable with at least one of aluminum chelate, titanium chelate, metal complexes, isocyanates and epoxy.

17. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition is physically crosslinkable with EBC.

18. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition further comprises an aging inhibitor and a UV stabilizer.

19. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the backing is one of a polyolefin, polyester, PVC or paper.

20. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition has been coated onto the backing at an application rate of 10-120 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

21. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the backing is physically surface treated for improving anchoring of the adhesive composition to the backing.

22. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the backing is pretreated with a primer for improving anchoring of the adhesive composition to the backing.

23. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the styrene-butadiene dispersion is a carboxylated styrene-butadiene dispersion.

24. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the natural rubber latex in the adhesive composition is in the range of about 5-80%, based on a total solids content of the adhesive composition.

25. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 24, wherein the natural rubber latex in the adhesive composition is in the range of 20-50%, based on the total solids content of the adhesive composition.

26. (new) A method for producing an adhesive tape having a backing, comprising the steps of

a) preparing a blend of a styrene-butadiene dispersion and natural rubber latex, the adhesive composition being a styrene-butadiene dispersion having a butadiene content of more than 55% in a blend;

- b) coating the backing with the blend; and
- c) drying the coating onto the backing.

27. (new) A method of producing an adhesive bond, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing an adhesive tape, as claimed in claim 1; and
- b) adhering said adhesive tape to a substance to produce said adhesive bond.

**REMARKS**

The above amendments were made to place the application into proper U.S. patent format. Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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